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Manila like every large city is infested with that species of the "genus homo" known as the "hotel dead-beat." The letter written to the Bulletin by Manager De Souza of the Hotel de France relates a typical instance of the sort every owner of a hotel in the city has to put up with at frequent intervals. As things are the law affords absolutely no protection to the hotel proprietors, who are thus placed at the mercy of every miscreant with a presentable appearance and a suit case who deems it advisable to stop so long as to take advantage of the man who gives him credit for his food and lodging. It might be argued that hotels are not forced to extend credit to anybody, but his argument is altogether academic. The custom of the world over, and especially in the Far East, is to extend hotel credit to any apparently respectable guest, with baggage, and the law should recognize this custom. The dead-beat takes advantage of the credit thus extended him either by removing his belongings piecemeal or leaving grips with their worthless contents in his room before making his final departure without paying his bill. Such procedure is a plain criminal act, its intent being to defraud the hotel proprietor of his just dues, and should be made punishable by law. We have laws to punish the thief, the robber, and the swindler, but none to punish the professional or occasional hotel dead-beat who is a more despicable rogue than any of the three classes of criminals mentioned. We understand that the hotel proprietors of Manila have combined and prepared a law aimed at driving the professional hotel dead-beat from Manila. The law ought to be enacted at the earliest opportunity.

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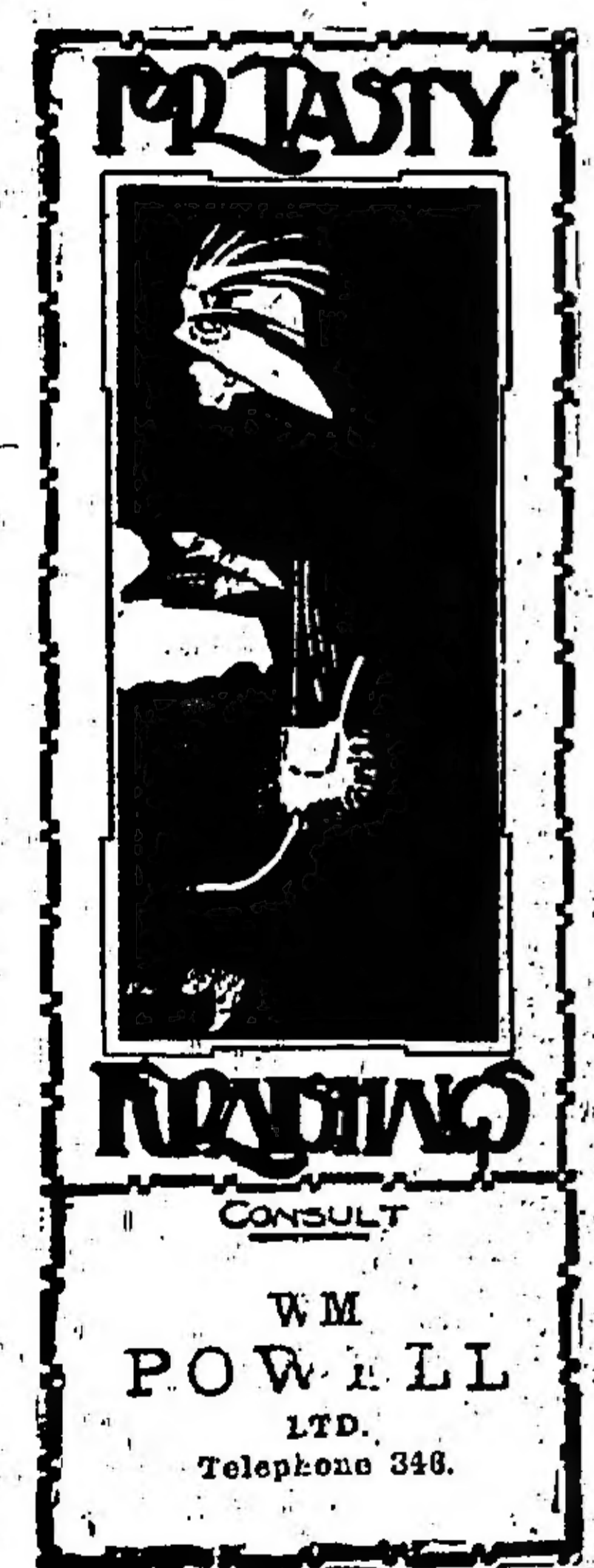
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counterpart in most if not all the provinces of the Empire. "Ha Pak" is in the Nam Hoi district, and the family name of the people residing there is Wong. Recently one of the clan opened a small opium den, and sold opium in a small way. This was soon noticed, and one morning, soon after the place was opened, five men entered the den and arrested the man in charge of the shop. The so-called police were armed with revolvers and warrants, the latter giving them the right to enter any place that appeared to them as suspicious. "Fatty," as the saloon-keeper was nicknamed, was being hauled off to the magistrate, when a crowd gathered and attacked the police. They compelled the captors to release their captive and then demanded to see the warrants, which authorized them to arrest anyone in the village, and found that these warrants were issued by the rebel magistrates, who had fled recently when the rebellion was quashed. The crowd, therefore, said that these warrants were useless, and they as intruders had no right interfering in the village at all. So the five were now in the hands of the infuriated mob. The crowd first of all took the member of their own clan, one of the five, and shot him dead. Next the question arose as to what should be done with the other four. Some suggested that they be handed over to the magistrate, but this was thought to be too much trouble and a little dangerous. So they, in cold blood, shot the remaining four. Such is the report before us. The second report refers to another side of life, but it is of even darker colour. It refers to what is transpiring at Yeung Ch'un, "Robbers and brigands," it is stated, "numbering more than a thousand men gathered and attacked the country town of Siu Shui Fung. They swept the whole place clean. They carried off as prisoners both male and female to the number of more than a hundred persons. They also drove away several hundred head of cattle. They set fire to the houses and burnt to the ground many tents. In the confusion, seven persons were shot dead and others were wounded. The account, which has been sent direct to Canton, describing the condition of affairs, states plainly that everything is in confusion in the district, and unless soldiers in large numbers are sent at once the robbers will sweep the countryside, will ruin thousands of people, and bring everything into the utmost confusion, and to the brink of destruction. This appeal has been sent to the Canton P'uloh, so we may assume that it fairly represents the actual condition of affairs. We have placed these two reports of what is going on in China, each quoted from the native papers, each fairly representing what actually transpired, into abrupt contrast, that readers may see that whilst there are great rejoicings and lavish festivities going on at head quarters, the people are living in the utmost anxiety as to the safety of their property, and even of their lives. It is to be hoped that the officials will learn the obvious lesson, and in the future think less of mere show and parade, that they will set themselves, both by precept and example, to work to care for the people over whom they rule, and take steps, to give the masses immunity from these repeated attacks and from such brutal outrages.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day is the official birthday of H.I.M. the Emperor of Japan.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, Puisne Judge, arrives here by the P. and O. s.s. Devanah, due about November 4.

The Rev. T. Pearce, of the London Mission, will read a paper on "Humorous reminiscences of old Hong Kong" before the members of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society on Monday.

Leung Kam Hong, the champion Chinese billiard player, is playing an exhibition match at the Hongkong Hotel, this evening in connection with the billiard tournament in progress there. He will endeavour to score 500 to his opponent's 275.

It is stated that the renowned cruise ship Monmouth is to be detached from the China Squadron to form a part of the Fourth Cruiser Squadron, which is to be permanently stationed in the West Indies, with Bermuda as its base.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German Mail of the 1st October was delivered in London on the 30th, Oct.

Mr. Hazeland fined a man \$25 this morning for having five fowls at West Point.

A small boy was ordered six strokes of the birch at the Magistracy this morning for being in possession of lottery tickets.

A Chinese was fined \$150 this morning by Mr. Hazeland for being in possession of lottery tickets at Tsimshui. Inspector Gompertz prosecuted.

A Chinese was fined \$10 or fourteen days by Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this morning for travelling on the railway with a ticket which had been used before.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 18 amounted to 42,448.26 tons and the sale during the period, to 38,398.10 tons.

Two men who were prosecuted by Sgt. Floyd for being in possession of arms and ammunition were fined \$250 each by Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this morning.

On the list of passengers on the s.s. "Ataria" from Hong Kong, we notice the name of Mr. R. A. Harding and Mrs. Harding, who are returning to the Colony after a holiday in England.

A Chinese, contractor of 231 Queen's Road East has reported that last night during his absence someone stole from his box \$250 in money. He suspects the thief to be one of two visitors who called upon him.

Inspector Dymond raided No. 21, Tse Shing Street, last night and arrested seventeen men for gambling. The first two were fined \$100 each by Mr. Hazeland at the Magistracy to-day, and the remainder were fined \$5 each.

A small fire occurred yesterday at 336 Queen's Road, caused by a servant girl striking a match which ignited the mosquito curtain hung round a bed. The outbreak was extinguished by the police and inmates of the house after damage to the amount of \$14 had been done.

A Chinese aged 35 has been taken to the Government Civil Hospital from No. 43 Si Wai Ho suffering from injuries to his left foot caused by falling from a tram car while it was in motion. He made an attempt to board the car when it was going at a good speed.

The Hongkong Municipal Council has decided to award a large sum of money to a large number of the "Theatricals" last night. The same cast acquitted themselves excellently and delighted all by their first-rate performance. The concluding performance will be given to-morrow evening.

Mr. Robinson, the third officer of the s.s. Ballmouth, which is lying in Taikoo Dock, left his jacket hanging in the wheelhouse of the vessel yesterday afternoon. When he returned for his jacket he found that a metal watch and silver chain, valued at \$35, had been taken from the pocket.

Apologies of the earthquake in Panama which occurred on the night of October 1, Mr. J. J. Shaw, of West Bromwich, writes to the "Daily Mail," mentioning amongst other things that the late Professor J. Milne once told the writer that he feared the day would come when an earthquake would play havoc with the vast enterprise of the Panama Canal.

An engagement is announced between the Rev. Edg. John Williams Nesbitt, B.A., Sedgfield, Durham, son of the late John Nesbitt, of Whitwell, Abercromby, and Mrs. Nesbitt, Aston, Gomersfield, and Dorothy May, younger daughter of the late Alfred Tidswell, Duval, of Liss, Hampshire, and formerly of Canton, China, and Mrs. Larker Holmshurst, Bournemouth. The wedding will take place in January.

The promotion is gazetted as an ordinary member of the Second Class of Knights Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George of Mr. W. R. D. Maycock, C.M.G., superintendent of the Treaty Department of the Foreign Office, on his retirement. Mr. Maycock had been superintendent since 1908, and was also joint editor of British and Foreign States papers. He is 64 years of age.

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POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

A SMUGGLER FINED.

At the Magistracy this morning before Mr. Hazeland, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of 20 tins of opium on board the s.s. Prinz Sigismund, the same not having been entered on the ship's manifest.

The chief officer of the vessel stated that the Prinz Sigismund was bound for Manila to-morrow. The defendant was arrested on board for having the opium in his possession, and not entering it on the ship's manifest.

Mr. Hoggard said that the value of the opium was \$150, and the defendant was liable to a fine of \$2,000.

Defendants said that a friend, whose name he did not know, asked him to take the opium on board the steamer.

Defendant was fined \$1,300 or six months' hard labour. The opium was ordered to be confiscated by the Crown, and half the fine was awarded to the informer.

ASSAULT CASE WITHDRAWN.

A S'poy in the 8th Rajputa appeared before Mr. Hazeland at the Magistracy this afternoon on adjourned charges of assault.

Mr. Denays, appearing for the prosecution, said that there were two summonses against the defendant for assaulting two Chinese labourers at Whitfield Barracks. The defendant did not dispute that he was rougher than he should have been in the execution of his duty, and he had paid compensation. He (Mr. Denays) now wished to withdraw the summonses.

Mr. Hazeland agreed to this course, and the defendant was discharged.

MURDER AT KAT O.

A Deed of Vengeance?

A man was recently sent to goal for criminally assaulting a woman at Kat O. After serving a sentence of three months, he went back to Kat O, and it is alleged that he murdered the woman who had given evidence against him. No arrest has yet been made, but the police are on the look-out for the man.

AUSTRIAN SAILORS FINED.

TRESPASSING ON STONECUTTERS.

At the Magistracy this morning before Mr. Wood, four sailors from the Austrian Lloyd steamer Porcia were charged with trespassing on Stonecutters Island.

The chief officer of the ship was sworn as interpreter, and the defendants present guilty.

Inspector Kerr, who prosecuted, said that the military authorities found the men of the island yesterday afternoon getting drunk. They were arrested. The chief officer told the police that the men were sent to get sand, not knowing that landing on the island was prohibited.

The chief officer said that sand was wanted for the ship. The sailors went on the island without knowing that they had no business to do so. The defendants could neither speak nor read English.

Lieut. Cross, R.G.A. of the Staff, in reply to the Magistracy, said that the military authorities accepted the explanation of the men, but they wanted his Worship to give a warning that landing on Stonecutters Island was forbidden. It was impossible to put up a notice board in every language.

The defendants were fined \$1 each.

FOREIGN-STYLE CLOTHING IN CHINA.

The American Consul-General George

E. Anderson states that while there was a notable turning to foreign-style clothing of many kinds shortly after the revolution in China there has been more or less reaction since, and the exact future of trade in all lines of foreign-style clothing at present is somewhat doubtful. On the whole the indications are that foreign-style clothing will be prepared by the student class and the smart young Chinese of both sexes, but especially men, all the time and by the Chinese generally during the colder months of the year, while clothing in modified Chinese style will be more common for the latter in the warmer seasons. There is greatly increased demand for all kinds of foreign clothing accessories and haberdashery in South China ports, not only for the Chinese but for the increasing consumption of such goods by foreigners. Much of this demand is being met by local factories, and it is likely that as the demand increases local concerns will prepare for taking up an even greater proportion of the trade. In some lines of haberdashery, however, the demand is increasing and local manufacturers cannot compete with foreign products.

Bergt. Addington raided No. 5, Yee On Terrace, at four o'clock this morning and arrested ten men for gambling. At the Magistracy this morning the first man was fined \$100, and the others were fined \$5 each.

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SUMMARY COURT.

GUARANTOR SUED.

In the Summary Court this afternoon the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp, heard an action brought by Wong Mong Yiu, of 2, Connaught Road West, merchant, against Chao Sau Chun, 100, Hollywood Road, master of the Man Ying Shu Kok to recover \$1,000 principal and interest of money lent on a promissory note given by the San Yick Company of Canton, to plaintiff on February 6, of which note defendant is guarantor. Plaintiff waived the sum of \$60 to bring the action within the summary jurisdiction of the court.

Mr. C. F. Mason, of Mr. P. N. D'Almeida & Co.'s office, represented plaintiff and Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, defended.

Mr. Mason explained that on February 19 last year plaintiff lent to defendant the sum mentioned in Hongkong and a promissory note was given, the borrowing note being handed back on February 6. Plaintiff applied for payment of the amount on several occasions, but had always been put off. Finally the managing partner of the San Yick Company, for whom the money was lent, guaranteed the note.

Mr. Lewis commented on the fact that there were two different translations of the borrowing note, and said he challenged both of them.

Mr. Mason said he relied upon a translation certified on September 11. Plaintiff, whose evidence bore out his solicitor's statement, in the course of cross-examination admitted that he was formerly a partner in the San Yick firm, but denied that the sum he was suing for represented his capital in the business. He afterwards admitted that when he left the business he asked for the return of his money and that the note in question was then made and given him in exchange for a previous one.

The note was made in Canton but was afterwards stamped in Hongkong, where the money was handed over.

Mr. Lewis sought to show by his cross-examination that the borrowing note only placed the defendant under the liability to be called upon if the San Yick firm of Canton which guaranteed the original note, failed in business or was otherwise unable to find the money. Plaintiff did not agree that Mr. Lewis's reading of the note was the correct one, and added that the San Yick firm's deed after being looked in the Revolution. He did not know that it was now void, but he saw an announcement that the Canton Government was paying it compensation at the rate of 40 per cent. of its losses during the looting.

The case was at this stage when we went to press.

RUGBY.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

EDINBURGH, October 30.

The best match of the week was between Watsonians and Heriotians, and once more opportunism brought victory to the Big School, the Heriotians scarcely deserving their fate. Guma and Hume played a prominent part in the defeat which B. H. S. inflicted on Stewartians. Despite some brilliant running by W. L. Hunter, Gals went down before Edinburgh Academicals. Wanderers are to have a cosmopolitan side of considerable merit, and made a good start against Kelvinians. S. D. Campbell, an Irish member of Edinburgh University, was wonderfully good at centre three-quarter, and with J. A. S. Riton, the English forward, shared the chief honours. Gals Academicals, 27; W. of Scotland, 3. Edin. Wanderers, 35; Kelvinians, Acad. 3. Watsonians, 8; Heriotians, 8.

R. H. S. 9; Stewartians 10. Edin. Academicals, 19; Gals, 6. Kelso, 8; Selkirk, 0. Hawick, 5; Clyde, 5. Trinity, 6; Eglis, 3. Perthshire, 6; Glenalmond, 3. Cluny, 8; Watson's 4.

AS CITATION.

It is not often that equality in Scottish League football is as pronounced as this week. St. Mirren and Hibernian scored freely against Motherwell and Dundee, but only two other clubs finished on the winning side, and these by the narrowest possible margin. Of the nine League matches, five were drawn, and none of the ten teams concerned scored more than one goal. This seems to enhance the merit of the defenders, but when one finds that three penalties were granted and awarded, one is forced to the conclusion that the paucity of goals is more the result of the poverty of good scoring forwards. Football is said to be becoming at once a more strenuous and scientific game than 20 years ago, but this must surely apply to the defence as well as to the attack in international games do forwards make their mark as in former days.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION. Celtic, 2; Aberdeen, 1. Partick Thistle, 1; Queen's Park, 1. St. Mirren, 4; Motherwell, 0. Ardrossan, 0; Falkirk, 0. Third Lanark, 1; Kilmarnock, 1. Hamilton Academicals, 1; Clyde, 1. Rangers, 1; Morton, 0. Hibernian, 4; Dundee, 1. Raith Rovers, 0; Heart of Mid-Lothian, 0. Dundee, 4; Falkirk, 1. Raith Rovers, 1; Ardrossan, 1.

SECOND DIVISION. Cowdenbeath, 3; Aberdeen, 1. Dundee Hibernian, 5; Johnstone, 0. Arbroath, 3; Dunfermline Athletic, 0. Vale of Leven, 0; St. Johnstone, 2.

Fretty women are often unreasonable, says a beauty doctor. A case of the fair sex being the unfair sex.

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CHINESE G.R.L.

MURDERED.

A DASTARDLY CRIME.

A Chinese sub-contractor of 15, Tai Hong Street, Sai Wan Ho, reports to the police that yesterday morning about nine o'clock during his absence at work in the Taikoo Dock, his house was entered by thieves. His little daughter, aged eleven years and named Lai King was left in charge of the house while he was at work, and the thieves strangled her in order to obtain the keys of two boxes which she had in her possession. They stole \$7.20 in money, and a watch and chain valued at \$3. The police removed the body to the mortuary, where an examination proved that death was due to strangulation.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Harmston's well-known circus opens to-morrow night at Causeway Bay, when it is hoped that a large audience will be present to give the show a grand send-off for their Hongkong season. The management has succeeded in collecting an unprecedented array of talent for this visit, so that a programme will be presented of surpassing interest. There is a menagerie in connection with the circus, and this, together with the performance itself, should make up an entertainment amusing to both young and old. A number of matinees will be given during the visit and special trains will be run to convey passengers to and from each performance.

IN TIME O' HAIRST.

Harvesting operations have seen many transition stages. "Aye, aye," vowed a hale and lusty octogenarian to the writer as we scanned a scene of harvest the other day, "the young 'uns nowadays ken nocht about it. It's aye of us had to take a 'shook in hand an' shear alongside yer neebor frae morn till night, an' hardly straiten yer back at the time." For my ancient friend the harvesting had meant the long, laborious wielding of the sickle, and "thrashing" the grain the monotonous thud of the flail on the hard stone floor.

Let us picture the old-time scene. It is five by the grandfather's clock in the farm house lobby. A real autumnal moon, with a nip of early frost in the air, sees the rising sun coyly peeping from behind a curtaining mist. There are watery beads on the clover aftermath, and the oats hang heavy-headed as the full ears bend the stem. The farmer, big and bluff, is up betimes. Noisily he stalks to the lobby, taps the barometer hanging there, passes out through the ivy-covered porch where the clematis and honeysuckle inter-twined, and leisurely reads the portent of the coming day. He knows it from the glaucous buds no clanging o'er the cobble courtyard towards the stables, where the hands are gathering.

"Get your 'buddies oot, Rab," he orders. "We'll mak' an eight o'clock start."

Rab, the grove, has the little army of helpers ready for the "yakin". The regular farm folks find casual assistance from a varied clientele of "hands." There are gudewives from the village, buxom maidens, too-cotter's daughters mostly, clear-eyed, limbs of movement, with the tinge of rude training their faces brown. Gladly youngsters, released from their harness, the dominie's thrall, romp around. And often the lad of pairs, "takin' the harvest" as a means towards the end of pitkin' himself through his classes, is hard at work with the laves. He will wag his paw in a pulpit some day, and tackle effective calling and dogmatic theology, according to Shedd, none the worse for it.

The old-fashioned mower goes with a merry clatter. Deft hands fasten the "heads." The sheaves are quickly thrown clear of the track. The stooks are set firm, sure, and regular in long rows. At the interval the shearer's bags, the nut brown pill, cakes and cheese, and home-made sandwiches are provided plentifully, and discussed with avidity. The quip, crack, and merry play see ever on tap. Good humour lessens all. Later in the season the lording-in, the rickling in the stakery, the last load home, and the securing all "neath thack and raps" preceded.

And then the joyous carnival of kirk with the dance in the big barn took place. Perched in a corn list at the village fiddler, vamping energetically o'er the gamut of reel, country dance, and Tullochgorum.

The old order changed, giving place to new. We live in a practical, a utilitarian age. What we see now is a Yankee self-binder mostly in evidence, drawn by three or four horses, and in charge of a lusty, young halflin, who, likely as not, is the only human on the field. The monotonous grind of the round is as dreary as the tank of the squirrel in a rolling cage. The mechanism of the contrivance guards in the grain, portions off a sheaf, binds it together securely with hempen cord, and ties the knot, pitches each sheaf clear, and all in a revolution of the apparatus a man follows leisurely and stooks the sheaves. The romance of it all is dead; there is little of the picturesque; it is a frame with the picture out.

Even so, the significance of "Harvest" as an object lesson will appeal with a freshness and vigour perennial, so long as day and night alternate, moons wax and wane, summer and winter fill their allotted place in the cycle of the year, and in less than any other treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA.

SIR JOHN JORDAN ON THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
Sir John Jordan, British Minister at Peking, speaking at a banquet last night, alluded to President Yuan Shih Kai as an eminent statesman, who had rendered almost unparalleled services to his country. Sir John said that he believed that until the provinces recognised their obligation to the central government, there was little prospect of seeing a strong and united China, which was the main object of the British policy.

THE KINGDOM OF BAVARIA.
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE EFFECTED.

LONDON, Oct. 31.
A telegram from Munich states that the Bavarian Diet, by a large majority, has passed the Bill authorising an addition to the constitution declaring the throne vacant if ten years after the institution of the Regency there is no prospect of the King resuming the government owing to physical or mental infirmity.

ROYAL MAIL ENGINEERS STRIKE.

RECOGNITION OF ASSOCIATION DEMANDED.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
All the engineers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company at present in the United Kingdom have resigned, thus jeopardising the sailing of many steamers from London, Liverpool and Southampton. The company have declined to recognise the Marine Engineers' Association. It is believed, however, that Sir Owen Phillips will make, voluntarily, concessions which will put an end to the agitation in a few days.

A FRIENDLY CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The Chairman and the Secretary of the Royal Mail Co. received a deputation of the Company's engineers accompanied by representatives of the Engineers' Association. A friendly conference followed, after which the engineers returned to their vessels.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.
THE GOVERNMENT'S DEFEAT.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
A telegram from Melbourne states that yesterday's defeat of the Government by a snap division is not regarded seriously.

THE HOME RULE CONTROVERSY.

COMMENTS ON OPPOSITION LEADER'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The papers generally conclude from Mr. Bonar Law's speech that negotiations for the settlement of the Home Rule question by consent are now certain.

SIR EDWARD CARSON'S QUIBBLING.

Sir Edward Carson, speaking at Walsend, replied to the Earl of Crewe's recent speech. He said that if he was setting an example to India or any other colony, that it was worth while fighting to maintain the British connection, then he was setting, not a bad, but a good example. Referring to the overtures which had been made to Ulster, Sir Edward said that no offer would be made of any use unless it was consistent with the covenant which the Government had driven them to enter into. If no offer was made he would help his comrades in Ireland, whatever the result. He would fight to the bitter end.

THE POWERS AND MEXICO.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
A telegram from Washington states that Mr. Bryan has formally asked all the European governments to suspend the formulation of any policy in Mexico until the United States has defined its attitude. There is every indication that the United States will insist on the elimination of President Huerta from politics, and they will be prepared to open negotiations with the Constitutionalists with a view to new elections.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE P. AND O. DISPUTE SETTLED.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The settlement was only reached after two conferences, one in the forenoon, which was a failure, and the other in the afternoon which lasted for two hours.

The Secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild says that while the details will not be divulged, the Officers receive most substantial concessions, and the Directors met them in the most friendly spirit.

The Arcadia and the Malva will sail to-morrow.

OFFICERS WELL SATISFIED.

It is announced on behalf of the officers that they are well satisfied with the Company's concessions.

THE LAND CAMPAIGN.

THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND'S OFFER.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
Yesterday the Duke of Sutherland despatched to Mr. Lloyd George a formal offer of 200,000 acres of land in the county of Sutherland. This is a sequel to a recent speech by Mr. Lloyd George in connection with his land campaign.

A TRIBUNAL OF BUSINESS MEN.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
Mr. Lloyd George, addressing a deputation of the Town Tenants' League, announced that the Government proposed to establish an impartial tribunal of business men who would decide between the landlord and trader and fix terms upon which leaseholds might be renewed.

DEATH OF AN ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The American millionaire, Mr. Charles Gates, known as "Spend-a-million-a-year" Gates, on account of his lavish tips, and plunging on the Stock Exchange and the Turf, has died of apoplexy while boarding a train at Wyoming.

ANGLO-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP BUREAU.

SPEECH BY MR. BRYCE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
Speaking at a reception at Kensington on behalf of the Anglo-Chinese Friendship Bureau to Chinese students of the Christian Union, Mr. Bryce, ex-British Ambassador to the United States, urged the sending of picked youths to Great Britain to learn European civilisation first hand instead of by books, and then they would learn how sincerely the English sympathised with their efforts for reforms. Both Great Britain and the United States desired to see China advance in her own way. Their only interest was to see her peaceful, united, and prosperous. The things for which Chinese should labour were unity of the nation, restoration of order and tranquillity, pure and honest administration, economy in public expenditure, and additional facilities for education.

THE LATEST BOY SCOUT.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The wife of General Sir Robert S.S. Baden-Powell has given birth to a son.

KING EDWARD'S MEMOIRS.

AN "AUTHORISED BIOGRAPHY" REQUIRED.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The Daily Graphic has reason to believe that in view of the King's dissatisfaction with the recent memoirs of King Edward, Lord Knollys will be invited to supervise the preparation of an authorised biography. It is suggested that the Earl of Hovebury will be the author.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AUSTRO-HUNGARY'S ARMY REFORM EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, Oct. 31.
A telegram from Buda Pesth states that the Ministry Bill authorises the Minister of Finance to raise a loan of ten millions sterling to meet the extraordinary expenditure entailed by army reform and reproductive works, and if this is impossible, to cover the expenditure by a floating debt issue.

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

ALTERNATIVE TO "LLOYD GEORGISM."

LONDON, Oct. 31.
Mr. Bonar Law, in a brief speech at Newcastle yesterday, emphasised the unity and loyalty of Conservatives. He affirmed that they would never enter into competition with the Liberals in making promises that they were unable to fulfil. Conservatives were a national party desiring to raise the conditions of the mass of the people, but rather than imitate Mr. Lloyd George, they would spend a life in the cold shades of the Opposition.

THE ENGLISH TURF.

JOCKEY CLUB CUP.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The result of the Jockey Club Cup is:-
Alpena 1
Rivoli 2
Cytha 3
The betting was:- 5-2 Alpena; 5-6 Rivoli; 4-1 Cytha. Three ran.

AN INTERESTING WEDDING.

PEER'S SON TO WED.

LONDON, Oct. 30.
The engagement is announced of John, one of the five sons of Lord Redesdale, and Anna, daughter of Herr Friedlander of the "Coal King" of Germany. The bride is heiress to £2,000,000 sterling, and it is stated that the bridegroom will receive a partnership in the firm as a wedding gift.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

CHINESE NEWS.

PEKING, Oct. 31.
The Financial Department has wired to the various provincial governments to the effect that they should economise various administrative expenses. If the financial assistance of the Central Government is always relied upon, the country will be bankrupt in the near future. The Japanese Minister has declared that the new Constitutional law drafted by the Japanese adviser in the President's office is merely an individual proposal, and is not concerned with the Japanese Government. Comr under Cheong Chi Teh and his army have arrived at Kingpin. Operations are now being prepared against the Mongolian bandits. On account of the Quintuple Group not showing any attitude with regard to the loan for paper money redemption the success of the negotiations with other Powers is still doubtful. The Foreign Department has applied for instructions from the President with regard to a request made by the American Minister for an alteration of the Sino-American Treaty of 1903. The Premier has negotiated with the Japanese Minister with a view to establishing a bank with the capital of the two nations.

CARING FOR THE YOUNG SOLDIER.

The danger to the health of young undeveloped men by sending them to India is being very properly pointed out. They are more than usually liable, of course, to contract some of the febrile and other complaints which occasionally attack even strong men in tropical climates, and it was not intended that soldiers specially selected to meet recruiting requirements on time of death should be despatched to India. The fact that such has been the practice to the detriment of the service and the individual has been brought to the notice of the Army Council, who have now issued an order putting a stop to it. This or an affords men enlisted under Recruiting Regulations, paragraph 19, Appendix II, for units serving at home, who, it appears have been sent out with drafts of recruits, although they have not reached the standard of height and general physique to fit them for the ordinary duties of a soldier in the ranks. In future the greatest care is to be exercised to ensure that no man specially enlisted under the authority of the Army Council is sent to India or to any other foreign service without having been previously obtained from the War Office.

SPORTING.

Association Football.

R. G. A. v. Somerset L.L.
This match was played on the Hongkong Club ground yesterday afternoon, and helped to break the monotony of the voyage for the Somerset L.L. en route from Tientsin to India. Teams:-

R. G. A.:- Marsh; Langford, Green; Buckland, Norton, Richards; Driver, Burt, Archer, Dallman, Pinchard.

Somerset L.L.:- White; Priddle, Hurley; Bidder, Trig, Brown; Hearnay, Referee, Mr. F. W. Eager.

Payne started for the Somerset, who faced a strong sun and had a crowd of supporters. In the first minute the visiting custodian had to be very alert to save from Dallman and Pinchard. The Somerset played smartly at times, the inside forwards passing neatly and forcing Langford to concede a corner, from which Marsh kicked away. Play was never very hotly contested, but the sun probably had something to do with this. From a pass by Green, Driver was off at top speed and going close up to the goal, but he was only to see the ball kicked safely to touch. The visiting forwards gave another bout of good passing, Hearnay terminating with a hard shot which missed. At the other end Burt opened the scoring, heading in and the goalie pushed the ball into the side net. At half-time the score was:-

R.G.A., 3; Somerset L.L., 0.

The second half opened in promising fashion. After Driver had forced a corner that came to nothing, Clark tried a high shot that Marsh saved before Lambert netted an offside point. The Somerset backs defended well but Burt caught them napping when he gave Dallman an open goal, and the goalkeepers were promptly put two in front. A few minutes later Norton hit the bar and Archer securing the rebound scored the third and last. The Somerset showed signs of "bellova to mend" before the finish but this was not surprising. A pleasant game ended:-

R.G.A., 3; Somerset L.L., 0.

MATCHES FOR TO-MORROW.

HONGKONG LEAGUE, DIVISION 1.
Royal Engineers v. D.C.L.I. Military ground 4.30. Referee, Mr. F. Wright.
UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE, DIVISION 2.
88th Coy., R.G.A. v. D.C.L.I. Band. Military ground 2.30. Referee, Mr. J. Moran.

FRIENDLIES.

Hongkong Club v. H.M.S. Menmouth. Hongkong Club ground 4.30. H.M.S. Tamar v. R.G.A. Naval ground 4.30.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE NOTES.

The past week has seen the defeat of three of our six Submarine teams in the league. The D.C.L.I. Reserves received their come from the Submarines who in turn suffered defeat by the 88th Coy., R.G.A., in each case the score being 2-1. The "Dukes" had their revenge in a measure by inflicting on another unbeaten naval team in the Tamar Reserves their third defeat, winning by 1-0. A singular feature of the league table is that the three gunners' teams are unbeaten. As, however, the 87th play the 88th on the 8th, and the 88th engage the 87th on the 28th November, it is almost certain that one if not more of these will soon lose their record.

The D.C.L.I. Reserves still occupy the post of honour, and the Buglers are at the bottom, as one of their members remarked: "keeping others from coming on down." There are worse teams in the league than the Buglers, and it is time the team started to garner in points. The junior supporters registered their first win during the week, overcoming the Buglers by the narrow margin of 2-1. Are the senior supporters going to do likewise on Saturday? The Police and 88th Coy., R.G.A. are somewhat behind in the matter of matches played. The guardians of law and order, through a misunderstanding failed to play the 88th Coy., R.G.A. last Saturday. As there are twenty matches to be played by each team there is little opportunity of playing postponed games.

The first division gets properly under way in November. The Tamar start with the D.C.L.I. on November 5, when the sailors are credited with the intention of trotting out some "hot stuff." That, however, will not disturb the "Dukes" a fiftieth bit.

LEAGUE TABLE TO-DATE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	Pts.
D.C.L.I. Res.	7	4	1	2	18	10
87 Coy., R.G.A.	4	3	0	1	8	7
Submarines	5	3	1	1	12	7
88 Coy., R.G.A.	3	3	0	0	10	6
8 Coy., R.G.A.	2	2	0	0	6	4
H.M.S. Tamar	3	1	1	1	7	3
R.E. Reserves	4	1	2	1	4	3
Staff and Departments	4	1	3	0	5	2
R.E. Police	2	0	1	1	2	1
D.C.L.I. Band	4	0	4	3	5	1
D.C.L.I.	6	0	6	0	4	0
Buglers	6	0	6	0	4	0

FOOTBALL.

SECOND LEAGUE FIXTURES.

The following additional matches in the Second Division of the Hongkong Association League have been arranged:
November.
2.-R. G. A. v. Menmouth R.C. at Happy Valley, 4 p.m. - Referee, Mr. G. Williams.
3.-University v. 88 Coy. R.G.A. at Happy Valley, 4 p.m. - Referee, Mr. A. E. Bradley.

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12.-University v. Modern R.C. at Happy Valley, 4 p.m. - Referee, Mr. J. H. Metcalfe.
13.-Diocesan v. 88 Coy. R.G.A. at Happy Valley, 4 p.m. - Mr. E. Tyler.
17.-Diocesan v. B.O.C. at Happy Valley, 4 p.m. - Referee, Mr. J. F. Wood.

The league match between the R.E. Reserves and the Band of the D.C.L.I. previously arranged for Friday, 31st October, will be played on November 20th.

Cricket.

ROYAL ENGINEERS v. 88th COY., R.G.A.

These teams played a Second Division Hongkong League match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the visitors winning easily by 102 runs. Morriah put up the first century in the league for the season, scoring 101 not out, and as he also captured seven wickets, had a great deal to do with bringing about the discomfiture of the gunners. Scores:-

ROYAL ENGINEERS.
Corpl. Brown, b Stanley 5
Corpl. Morriah, not out 101
Corpl. Bradley, c Sly, b Stanley 13
Corpl. Pearson, b Stanley 25
Corpl. Tucker, c Fuller, b Stanley 14
Sapper Richards, b Stanley 14
Corpl. Scott, not out 13

Sapper Lewis
Sapper Kelly
Corpl. Pearce
Temp. Wilkinson
Innings declared closed.

Extras 16

Total 304

88th COY., R.G.A.

Metz, Gr. Fuller, c and b Pearson 14
Bomb. Sly, c Wilkinson, b Scott 11
Gunner Barry, b Morriah 31
Gunner Smith, c and b Morriah 4
Bomb. Stanley, c Wilkinson, b Morriah 3
Gunner Payne, c Lewis, b Morriah 10
Gunner Willis, c Lewis, b Morriah 0
Gunner Burt, c Pearce b Pearson 0
Gunner Kingsbury, not out 13
Gunner Roberts, b Morriah 0
Gunner Brown, b Morriah 0

Extras 17

Total 169

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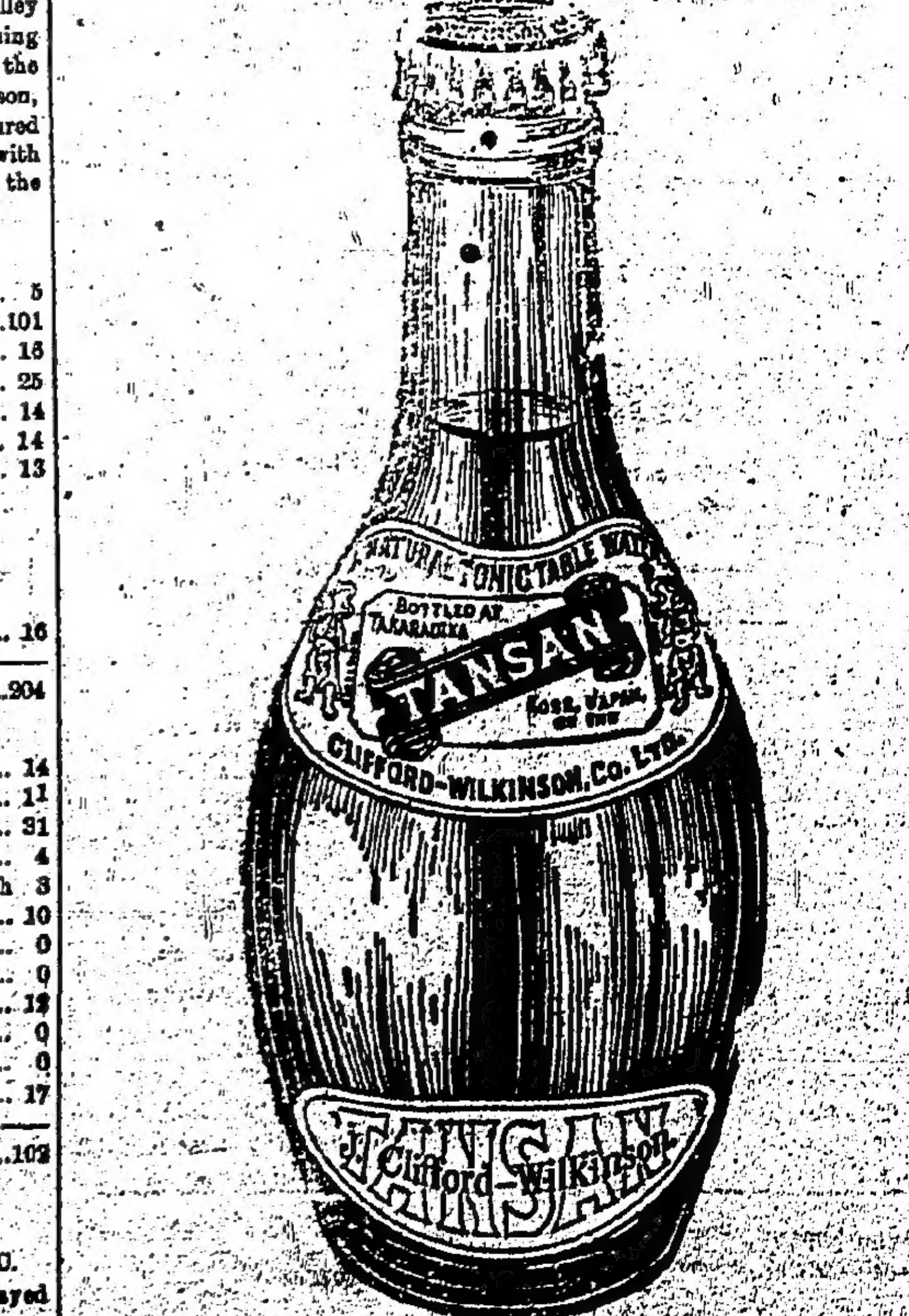
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